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FOR HABIB FROM LEWIS
 E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
 TAGS: PEPR, MILI, PINT, MOPS, LE, IS, US, SY, PLO, UN
 SUBJECT: HABIB MISSION: ISRAELI CABINET APPROVES THE
 - DEPARTURE PLAN
 REF: A) BEIRUT 5502 (NOTAL), B) BEIRUT 5500 (NOTAL),
 - C) TEL AVIV 12610 (NOTAL), D) TEL AVIV 12609 (NOTAL)
 1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT)
 2. PRIME MINISTER BEGIN INFORMED ME AT 11:30 LOCAL AUGUST
 19 THAT THE ISRAELI CABINET HAS APPROVED THE ARRANGEMENTS
 FOR PLO AND SYRIAN DEPARTURE FROM BEIRUT AS SET FORTH IN
 THE DEPARTURE PLAN WHICH I FORWARDED TO HIM YESTERDAY
 AFTERNOON. A COMMUNIQUE WILL BE ISSUED BY THE CABINET
 SHORTLY.
 3. THE CABINET APPROVAL TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE MINOR LAST
 MINUTE ADJUSTMENTS IN THE PLAN AND EXPLANATIONS CONTAINED
 IN REFS A AND B. AFTER RECEIPT OF THESE TWO MESSAGES FROM
 HABIB, I CALLED BEGIN OUT OF THE CABINET MEETING AND GAVE
 TO HIM THE RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS HE HAD POSED EARLIER
 THIS MORNING (REFS C AND D). HE ACCEPTED ALL OF THESE
 POINTS AND WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH HABIB'S AGREEM
 TO ADOPT BEGIN'S PREFERRED LANGUAGE FOR ARTICLE 3 REGARDI G
 UN OBSERVERS. TO RESTATE THAT LANGUAGE, ARTICLE 3 OF THE
 PLAN WOULD NOW READ: "THE UN OBSERVER GROUP NOW STATIONED
 IN THE BEIRUT AREA WILL CONTINUE THIS FUNCTION IN THAT
 AREA."
 4. WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUE RAISED IN REF B CONCERNING
 VERIFICATION OF NAMES AND NUMBERS, BEGIN ACCEPTED THE POSI-
 TION AS RELAYED TO ME IN BEIRUT 5500 BUT ASKED THAT HABIB
 DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN THE NAMES AS SOON AS
 POSSIBLE.

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5. ON THE SUBJECT OF ARTICLE 21 AND THE GRAVES OF THE SOLDIERS WHO FELL IN 1978, BEGIN SAID HE WAS NOT QUARRELING WITH THE LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE 21 BUT ANXIOUS TO GET THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LOCATIONS OF THE GRAVES IN AS MUCH SPECIFICITY AS POSSIBLE AND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. HE SAID THEY WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE ICRC IN ISRAEL ALSO AND ACCEPTED HABIB'S COMMITMENT TO DO OUR BEST WITH BOTH THE PLO AND THE ICRC.

6. CONCERNING ARTICLE 22, BEGIN SAID HE HAD INDEED CONVEYED TO THE CABINET HABIB'S PERSONAL CONVICTION THAT THE SYRIAN FORCES WOULD MOVE ON TO SYRIA AFTER A BRIEF STOPOVER IN THE BIQ'A, MAKING CLEAR THAT THIS IS NOT THE KIND OF AN ASSURANCE WHICH CAN BE IRONCLAD OR WRITTEN DOWN IN THE PLAN. BEGIN SAID THE CABINET ACCEPTED ARTICLE 22 ON THAT BASIS.

7. AT THE END OF OUR CONVERSATION BEGIN ASKED ME TO CONVEY HIS DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO PHIL HABIB ONCE AGAIN FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK HE HAS DONE AND TO ASK HIM TO STOP IN JERUSALEM AT THE END OF THE PERIOD OF HIS TIME IN BEIRUT BEFORE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUER , BEGIN SAID HE ASSUMED HABIB WOULD REMAIN IN BEIRUT UNTIL THE DEPARTURE OF THE PLO WAS COMPLETE AND THEN WOULD BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON. HE WAS NOT ASKING HABIB TO COME BACK TO JERUSALEM UNTIL THE DEPARTURE PROCESS WAS COMPLET , ALTHOUGH HE WOULD OF COURSE BE WELCOME ANY TIME.

8. BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. LEWIS
END OF MESSAGE

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